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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled) A method of communication for a confined area of a facility, comprising:
  - receiving personal identification information of a group member into at least one of a set of stations distributed throughout the confined area;
  - receiving monetary deposit information for the member group;
  - receiving transaction information from at least one cashless station; and
  - creating transaction reports.
2. (Cancelled) A method according to claim 1, further including receiving spending limit information for each group member.
3. (Cancelled) A method according to claim 2, further including receiving spending limit change information.
4. (Cancelled) A method according to claim 1, further including determining the total amount of cash spent and displaying said total amount.
5. (Cancelled) A method according to claim 1, further including determining the amount of the cash to be returned to the group member.
6. (Cancelled) A method according to claim 1, further including receiving account information at the cashless station via a personal identification locator.

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7. (Cancelled) A system of communication for a confined area of a facility, comprising:
- means for receiving personal identification information of a group member into at least one of a set of stations distributed throughout the confined area;
  - means for receiving monetary deposit information for the member group;
  - means for receiving transaction information from at least one cashless station; and
  - means for creating transaction reports.
8. (Cancelled) A system according to claim 7, further including means for receiving spending limit information for each group member.
9. (Cancelled) A system according to claim 8, further including means for receiving spending limit change information.
10. (Cancelled) A system according to claim 7, further including means for determining the total amount of cash spent and means for displaying said total amount.
11. (Cancelled) A system according to claim 7, further including means for determining the amount of the cash to be returned to the group member.
12. (Cancelled) A system according to claim 7, further including means for receiving account information at the cashless station via a personal identification locator.
13. (Cancelled) A software system of communication for a confined area of a facility, comprising:

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module for receiving personal identification information of a group member into at least one of a set of stations distributed throughout the confined area;

module for receiving monetary deposit information for the member group;

module for receiving transaction information from at least one cashless station; and

module for creating transaction reports.

14. (Cancelled) A software system according to claim 13, further including module for receiving spending limit information for each group member.
15. (Cancelled) A software system according to claim 14, further including module for spending limit change information.
16. (Cancelled) A software system according to claim 13, further including module for determining the total amount of cash spent and module for displaying said total amount.
17. (Cancelled) A software system according to claim 13, further including module for determining the amount of the cash to be returned to the group member.
18. (Cancelled) A software system according to claim 13, further including module for receiving account information at the cashless station via a personal identification locator.

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19. (Previously Amended) A method of communication for a confined area of a facility employing a member locating system having a group of location stations distributed throughout the confined area, comprising:

providing a transmitter to each member of a group for providing group member personal identification information to the member locating system as the members move about the confined area for tracking the location of the members and for facilitating cashless spending throughout the confined area, wherein members of the group may be located using one of the location stations;

receiving personal identification information of group members into at least one station of a set of stations distributed throughout the confined area;

receiving monetary deposit information for the group;

receiving transaction information from at least one of a group of cashless stations distributed throughout the confined area;

scanning the transmitter of one of the group members at the cashless station to receive group member personal identification information from the transmitter located near the cashless station to complete the transaction being made by the group member at the cashless station;

creating transaction reports; and

receiving account information at the cashless station in response to the group member personal identification information from the transmitter located near the cashless station as the transaction is being completed by the group member.

20. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 19, further including receiving spending limit information for each member.

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21. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 20, further including receiving spending limit change information.
22. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 19, further including determining the total amount of cash spent and displaying said total amount.
23. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 19, further including determining the amount of the cash to be returned to the group.
24. (Previously Amended) A system of communication for a confined area of a facility employing a member locating system having a group of location stations distributed throughout the confined area, comprising:

a transmitter for each member of a group for providing group member personal identification information to the member locating system as the members move about the confined area for tracking the location of the members and for facilitating cashless spending throughout the confined area, wherein members of the group may be located using one of the location stations;

means for receiving personal identification information of group members into at least one station of a set of stations distributed throughout the confined area;

means for receiving monetary deposit information for the group;

means for receiving transaction information from at least one of a group of cashless stations distributed throughout the confined area;

means for scanning the transmitter of one of the group members at the cashless station to receive group member personal identification information from the transmitter located near the cashless station to complete the transaction being made by the group member at the cashless station;

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means for creating transaction reports; and

means for receiving account information at the cashless station in response to the group member personal identification information from the transmitter located near the cashless station as the transaction is being completed by the group member.

25. (Previously Amended) A system according to claim 24, further including means for receiving spending limit information for each member.
26. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 25, further including means for receiving spending limit change information.
27. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 24, further including means for determining the total amount of cash spent and means for displaying said total amount.
28. (Previously Amended) A system according to claim 24, further including means for determining the amount of the cash to be returned to the group.
29. (Previously Amended) A software system of communication for a confined area of a facility employing a member locating system having a group of location stations distributed throughout the confined area, comprising:

a module for assigning a transmitter to each member of a group for providing group member personal identification information to the member locating system as the members move about the confined area for tracking the location of the members and for facilitating cashless spending throughout the confined area, wherein members of the group may be located using one of the location stations;

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a module for receiving personal identification information of group members into at least one station of a set of stations distributed throughout the confined area;

a module for receiving monetary deposit information for the member group;

a module for receiving transaction information from at least one of a group of cashless stations distributed throughout the confined area;

a module for scanning the transmitter of one of the group members at the cashless station to receive group member personal identification information from the transmitter located near the cashless station to complete the transaction being made by the group member at the cashless station;

a module for creating transaction reports; and

a module for receiving account information at the cashless station in response to the group member personal identification information from the transmitter located near the cashless station as the transaction is being completed by the group member.

30. (Previously Amended) A software system according to claim 29, further including module for receiving spending limit information for each member.
31. (Previously Presented) A software system according to claim 30, further including module for receiving spending limit change information.
32. (Previously Presented) A software system according to claim 29, further including module for determining the total amount of cash spent and module for displaying said total amount.

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33. (Previously Amended) A software system according to claim 29, further including module for determining the amount of the cash to be returned to the group.

34. (Currently Amended) A method of communication for ~~a confined area~~ of a facility, comprising:

providing a transmitter to an individual for transmissions confined within the facility;

receiving personal identification information of the individual into at least one of a set of stations distributed throughout the facility ~~confined area~~;

receiving monetary deposit information for the individual;

receiving transaction information from at least one cashless station located within the facility;

scanning the transmitter with the individual physically located at the cashless station located within the facility;

creating transaction reports in response to the individual making cashless purchases at cashless stations located within the facility; and

receiving account information at the cashless station via the transmitter.

35. (Currently Amended) A software system of communication for ~~a confined area~~ of a facility, comprising:

a module for assigning a transmitter to an individual for transmissions confined within the facility;



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a module for receiving personal identification information of the individual into at least one of a set of stations distributed throughout the facility confined area;

a module for receiving monetary deposit information for the individual;

a module for receiving transaction information from at least one cashless station located within the facility;

a module for scanning the transmitter with the individual physically located at the cashless station located within the facility;

a module for creating transaction reports in response to the individual making cashless purchases at cashless stations located within the facility; and

a module for receiving account information at the cashless station via the transmitter.

36. (Cancelled) A software system of communication for a confined area of a facility, comprising:

a module for receiving personal identification information of an individual into at least one of a set of stations distributed throughout the confined area;

a module for receiving monetary deposit information for the individual;

a module for receiving transaction information from at least one cashless station;

a module for creating transaction reports; and

a module for receiving account information at the cashless station via a personal identification locator.

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37. (Currently Amended) A system of communication for ~~a confined area of a~~ facility, comprising:
- a transmitter for an individual for transmissions confined within the facility;
  - means for receiving personal identification information of the individual into at least one of a set of stations distributed throughout the facility confined area;
  - means for receiving monetary deposit information for the individual;
  - means for receiving transaction information from at least one cashless station located within the facility;
  - means for scanning the transmitter with the individual physically located at the cashless station located within the facility;
  - means for creating transaction reports in response to the individual making cashless purchases at cashless stations located within the facility; and
  - means for receiving account information at the cashless station via the transmitter.
38. (New) A method of communication for a facility employing a member locating system having a group of location stations distributed throughout the facility area, comprising:
- providing a transmitter to each of a first member and other members of a group for providing group member personal identification information to the member locating system as the members move about the facility for tracking the location of the members and for facilitating cashless spending by the first

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member throughout the facility, wherein the first member may locate the other members of the group using one of the location stations;

receiving personal identification information of group members into at least one station of a set of stations distributed throughout the facility;

receiving monetary deposit information for the first member;

receiving transaction information from at least one of a group of cashless stations distributed throughout the facility;

scanning the transmitter of the first member at the cashless station to receive group member personal identification information from the transmitter located near the cashless station to complete the transaction being made by the first member at the cashless station;

creating transaction reports; and

receiving account information at the cashless station in response to the group member personal identification information from the transmitter located near the cashless station as the transaction is being completed by the first member.

39. (New) A system of communication for a facility employing a member locating system having a group of location stations distributed throughout the facility area, comprising:

a transmitter for each of a first member and other members of a group for providing group member personal identification information to the member locating system as the members move about the facility for tracking the location of the members and for facilitating cashless spending by the first member

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throughout the facility, wherein the first member may locate the other members of the group using one of the location stations;

means for receiving personal identification information of group members into at least one station of a set of stations distributed throughout the facility;

means for receiving monetary deposit information for the first member;

means for receiving transaction information from at least one of a group of cashless stations distributed throughout the facility;

means for scanning the transmitter of the first member at the cashless station to receive group member personal identification information from the transmitter located near the cashless station to complete the transaction being made by the first member at the cashless station;

means for creating transaction reports; and

means for receiving account information at the cashless station in response to the group member personal identification information from the transmitter located near the cashless station as the transaction is being completed by the first member.

40. (New) A software system of communication for a facility employing a member locating system having a group of location stations distributed throughout the facility area, comprising:

a module for assigning a transmitter to each of a first member and other members of a group for providing group member personal identification information to the member locating system as the members move about the facility for tracking the location of the members and for facilitating cashless

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spending by the first member throughout the facility, wherein the first member may locate the other members of the group using one of the location stations;

a module for receiving personal identification information of group members into at least one station of a set of stations distributed throughout the facility;

a module for receiving monetary deposit information for the first member;

a module receiving transaction information from at least one of a group of cashless stations distributed throughout the facility;

a module for scanning the transmitter of the first member at the cashless station to receive group member personal identification information from the transmitter located near the cashless station to complete the transaction being made by the first member at the cashless station;

a module for creating transaction reports; and

a module for receiving account information at the cashless station in response to the group member personal identification information from the transmitter located near the cashless station as the transaction is being completed by the first member.